

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	§	
Welker et al.	§	
	§	Group Art Unit: 3663
Serial No.: 10/598,732	§	
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Confirmation No.: 9557	§	Examiner: Saito, Krystine E.
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Filed: September 8, 2006	§	
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For: Marine Seismic Survey Method and	§	Atty Dkt.: 14.0248-PCT-US
System	§	(WGEC0108)
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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 2, 2009**

In response to the Office Action dated September 2, 2009, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on December 2, 2009, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

The excess claim fees have been paid via EFS Web. Accordingly, Applicants believe that no fee is due in connection with this response. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 50-3882/WGEC0108, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.